

2016 AQuESTT Conference - Call for Presentations Now Open

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The 2016 AQUESTT: Every Student Everyday – Continuing to Improve with Data Conference, April 18-19, at the Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE plans are taking shape. A critical aspect of this year's conference is engagement of district, school, ESU staff and other key partners in sharing best practices, research findings, leadership development and professional learning strategies within the tenets of AQuESTT. In addition, a focused strand on data and technology will be part of the meeting as well. Below is the link to the Conference Call for Presentations. Also, of note, is the prioritizing of session topics supporting the most requested topics by schools and districts from the recent AQuESTT Evidence-based Analysis (EBA). Please consider being a part of this year's conference by completing a Call for Presentation by February 26.

http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov/cf proposal 2016.aspx?CID=9



Perkins Intent to Participate - Due Date: February 22

Contact: Teri Sloup (402-471-4809 or teri.sloup@nebraska.gov)

This notification is to request action to complete the intent to participate process for Perkins funding during the 2016-2017 program year. All school districts, even if participating in a consortium, career academy, or choosing not to participate, must complete the data collection. The form must be submitted by the District Administrator.

This action is accomplished through the official submission of the intent and eligibility to participate in Perkins through the NDE Portal located at https://portal.education.ne.gov/ under the "Data Collections" tab. This specific data collection is entitled "Perkins IV Career and Technical Education."

The online system asks district officials to:

- Determine Intent to Participate in Perkins with consortium identification if applicable;
- 2) Validate the existence of all Essential Career Education Components within the School District; and
- Identify the Career Student Organizations offered within the School District

The deadline for completing the online submission is February 22.



New NSSRS Validation Errors Activated Today

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Five new Validation Errors have been added to the NSSRS Validation website available through the NDE Portal under the Student & Staff (NSSRS) tab.

-565 Dual Credit Course Reported For Student Below 9th Grade: A record was reported in the Student Grades template with a Dual Credit Code that indicates the student was dual enrolled in a course (reporting either a 1 "Yes" or 2 "No") while the student's current grade level was lower than 9th grade.

- -<u>566 No Superintendent Reported at District:</u> All Rule 10 accredited and Rule 14 approved public and nonpublic districts must report one person with at least a portion of their position assignment FTE coded as a Superintendent (0-2320) in NSSRS Staff Reporting. If an approved nonpublic district does not have its own superintendent, the superintendent responsible for visitations should be listed.
- <u>-567 No Principal/Head Teacher Reported at a School:</u> All Rule 10 accredited public and nonpublic schools must report one person with at least a portion of their position assignment FTE coded as a Principal (2410) in NSSRS Staff Reporting. Rule 14 approved nonpublic schools may report a Head Teacher (1150) instead.
- <u>-568 No Counselor Reported at a Middle/Secondary School:</u> All Rule 10 accredited public and nonpublic middle/secondary/high schools must report one person with at least a portion of their position assignment FTE coded as a Counselor (2120 or 2121) in NSSRS Staff Reporting.
- <u>-569 No Librarian/Media Specialist Reported Within a District:</u> All Rule 10 accredited public and nonpublic districts must report one person with at least a portion of their position assignment FTE coded as a Librarian (2222) or Media Specialist (2223) in NSSRS Staff Reporting. The Librarian/Media Specialist may be reported at the district level or at any school within the district.



New Verification Reports Available in NSSRS Validation

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Two new verification reports have been added to the NSSRS Validation website available through the NDE Portal under the Student & Staff (NSSRS) tab. These reports are available in the Verification Reports > Student > Student Grades menu:

- <u>-Delivery Model Counts:</u> shows a count of how many class sections at a school were reported with a delivery model other than "Classroom" through your Student Grades template in the current year compared to the previous year
- <u>-Dual Credit Counts:</u> shows a count of how many class sections per school and per course code were reported with dual enrolled students through your Student Grades template in the current year compared to the previous year.



Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Part B Calculation

Tool

Contact: Pete Biaggio (402-471-4308 or pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov)

A calculation tool to assist districts in tracking MOE is now available to determine MOE for 2014-15/2015-16 year. Individual email notifications were sent to District representatives the week of January 17' with additional access information- For more information. Contact: pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov> (402) 471-4308



NeSA-RMSW 2015-2016 Key Dates

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or valorie.foy@nebraska.gov)

Key dates for NeSA-RMSW are presented in the following table.

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Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website: http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html



Title I Accountability Applications

Title I Districts having one or more schools identified for Title I "Needs Improvement" MUST complete the Title I Accountability Application which was available January 14 and will close on March 3, 2016. This application is available in the NDE portal under the "GMS" tab. Accountability allocation amounts are available at: http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title 1 Part A SIG.html)

Please contact your Title I consultant with any questions.



2015-2016 Staff Reporting - Upload Enabled until January 29

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Districts have requested we open the staff upload for second semester staff updates. This option will be available through January 29, 2016. Remember the upload file must be a cumulative file of ALL STAFF for the entire school year. So it should include all staff reported in the Fall and any updates to their position assignments. If staff left during the year you must include them with a completion date on their position assignment that was submitted in the Fall, do not remove/delete staff.



ILCD 2.0 – Improving Learning for Children with Disabilities – Application Updates

Contact: Pam Kasl (402-471-4341 or pam.kasl@nebraska.gov)

Some Part B additions and enhancements have been made to the application:

- Parent Survey results from 2014-2015 have been loaded to the site.
- Assessment data from 2014-2015 have been added to the dashboard graphs.
- Impact Areas now have a Printer Friendly button.
- TIP Focus for Improvement dropdown menu: Indicates "Report Only One", removed the reading & math combination, removed other, added science and added writing.
- TIP Evidence Based Strategy dropdown menu: added Marzano.
- TIP Item #3: reworded to say "Goal with Projected Yearly Targets and District Performance through 2020".



NonPublic Curriculum Report 2015-2016 - Due Date: February 29

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov This is required for NonPublic Systems only.

The NonPublic Curriculum Reporting System 2015-2016 will collect data on courses teachers teach for use in determining compliance with Rule 10 and Rule 14. The NonPublic Curriculum Report is located under the "Data Collections" tab in the Portal. Due Date: February 29. Audit Window close date: March 14.



Student Summary Attendance - Collection Period 2 - Audit Window Closes February 4

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov

Public Districts and Special Purpose Systems only

Student Summary Attendance collection period 2 (2015-10-16 through 2015-12-31) was due January 20. Audit Window close date February 4.

HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

All three ways get to the same place, so <u>please only use one of the following options</u>. If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

OR

2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov

OR

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 – This is a Voicemail line ONLY.

Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

ALSO: If you have contacted the NDE Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

THANK YOU!

NDE Bulletins: Past and Present:

Current and past NDE Bulletins can be found at http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html. We will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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